THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) As on 31.3.95 an amount of about Rs. 13 crores is due to be allocated to Gujarat State Government from the Permanent Bridge Fee Fund

(b) and (c) The funds due will be released in future depending on the bugetary provision available for the purpose.

Representation by All India Motor Congress

7237. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Motor Congress has submitted representations on various problems being faced by the truck and other road transporters;

(b) whether Government have solved any such problems in 1994-95;

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) All India Motor Transport Congress (AIMTC) in their representation have made some suggestions to solve the problems being faced by the transporters, for consideration of the Ministry. These released to :-

(1) Amendments on Motor Vehicles Act.

(2) Abolition of Octroi check-posts.

(3) Composite fee on National Permits.

(4) Insurance claims.

(5) Diesel outlets.

(6) Inter-State road transport-need for apex authority.

(7) Highway robberies.

(8) Representation of transporters in Transport Development Council.

(9) Toll on bridges.

(10) Price rise of tyres and commercial vehicles.

So far as the amendments of Motor Vehicles Act is concerned, certain amendments have been made in the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 on the lines as suggested by AIMTC in consultation with State Governments. As regards the abolition of octroi check-posts, a high level Committee under the Chairmanship of Sh. Jyoti Basu, Chief Minister, West Bengal were set up to look into the matter. The Committee in their report have submitted that octroi is protected by Entry 52 of the State List and there is no question of its abolition or substitution.

The request of AIMTC for representation on the Transport Development Council has been noted for consideration at appropriate time.

The remaining items relate to the State Governments and other Departments of the Government of India. These suggestions have been forwarded to the agencies concerned for appropriate action directly.

Action plan on surface transport

7238. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to prepare an Action Plan on surface transport;

(b) whether the same has been prepared;

(c) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(d) the details of steps taken to implement the said Action Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) The Parliamentary Committee on Transport & Tourism in its 10th Report on Demands for Grants for 1994-95 in respect of the Ministry of Surface Transport has *inter alia* recomended to appoint a Committee to go into all aspects of integrated approach to Surface Transport, prepare an Action Plan and implement the same at the earliest. The Government has accepted this recommendation of the Committee. In pursuant to this recommendation, a Committee with Secretary (Surface Transport) as Chairman has been constituted. The Committee is seized of this issue.